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Guerrillas

1. The Greek guerrillas have weapons, supplies, and ammunition in abundance and in excellent condition, considering the difficulties of the mountain fighting which they are doing and the necessary secrecy with which they are supplied.
2. The morale of the guerrillas can be characterized as good to very good.
3. Their fighting ability, reinforced by iron discipline and constant training, is based on their belief in the struggle which they are waging and above all in the justice of this struggle from the political, economic and social point of view. They cover their treason and the crime against the voice of conscience through the principle of the fight for "justice" -- "The end justifies the means".
4. The strength of the so-called Democratic Army is constantly increasing. Their human material is taken from the entire population of the country through the familiar method of forced recruiting. Those forcibly recruited become, after a short period of time, fanatical soldiers and followers of Communism. This must be attributed in part to the satanical system of psychological conquest, or even psychological perversion, practiced by Communism. But it must also be attributed to a predisposition in the recruit caused by the necessity for better government and a more just conduct of the State towards all its citizens, if not for political, social, and economic changes.

ARMY

5. The training of the classes in service must be complete. There is no justification and no reason for not completing training.
6. The two oldest classes now serving, among whom there is a large proportion of married men, should be discharged and replaced by calling up younger classes.

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7. The participation without exception of all those obligated to military service is necessary in the present struggle more than at any other time.
8. It is a fact that the powerful and the rich and the intellectuals are not participating in the struggle of the Greek Army. Among the people and in the army the opinion prevails that the fight is being carried on by only the poorer classes of the country. This is not entirely true, but it has become the cause of disaffection in the fighting army. The English system of calling up soldiers has been badly or imperfectly applied to our army, and this has contributed to creating this impression. The result has been that today the Greek Army indicates the beginning of the existence of two classes in Greece, viz. the class of the plebeians and the class of the patricians. The plebeians serve in the fighting units of the army, but the patricians are in the "Services" and the non-combatant formations and corps.
9. It is vitally necessary that favoritism stop, and that all soldiers and reserve officers who have not yet taken part in armed combat be sent to the front.
10. The needs of the Services behind the front lines should be filled first by those whose brother or father died for his country, second by the wounded, and third by those who have completed twenty-four months' service in front line operations.
11. Measures must be taken as soon as possible for the protection and State care of the victims of this struggle and of the cripples. No one should have to threaten or have to take legal action because such measures have not been applied. In order to create a feeling of satisfaction it will be necessary to dismiss at least 20,000 of the government employees now serving and appointed after April 1941 and to replace them within the shortest possible time with the victims of the war and with the crippled and wounded who are able to do the work.
12. The misery of the guerrilla stricken people is absolutely indescribable. Measures must be taken at once to care for them, and above all work must be provided for them. The idleness of the guerrilla-ridden populace, combined with their misfortune, is a very serious danger for the country, and it must receive the requisite attention of the authorities.
13. The purging from the state machinery and from all the machinery of justice of the agents of Communism must be completed, and it should be done on the basis of the evidence existing in the files of the military and police authorities. It must be done at once and without legal action, even though this might produce some cases of injustice.
14. A law should be passed regarding embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds. The penalty of death should be provided, and until the country returns to a condition of peace this crime should come within the jurisdiction of the Special Courts Martial.
15. The officers of the army should receive financial support, if necessary through a special bonus, until the country is at peace. The financial plight of the families of officers, because of their poor pay and because of the long period of separation from their families, must be relieved and the officers must be freed from this constant torment of worry and be able to devote themselves to their work. We even have examples of officers' wives who have had to go on the streets because of the desperate financial straits to which they have come. The officers are the principal target of the destructive mania of Communism. For the most part they have lost much of their household effects and their property. Particular attention must be given to the officers' situation, because if the country loses them, its only hope, nothing remains for it except definite and total destruction.

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16. We must begin, even if we can never complete, the sealing of the borders by the establishment of strong guard-posts all along the border and the laying of a mine field over all passable ground. It is necessary to establish in Greece a factory for the production of mines. This must be done either through building the factory from the ground up or by converting one of the existing factories. These mines must be sent in abundance to the sectors of the border, just as machine gun cartridges are sent. Every vehicle moving towards the border should carry a load of mines if it has not been loaded with some other important material.
17. At the same time the Peloponnesos and the islands must be cleared of guerrillas as quickly as possible. We must remove so far as is possible the uneasiness and torment of our soldiers regarding the fate of their families and of their properties.
18. After all the above measures have been carried out, then there must be immediate and careful preparation of the whole nation for the agreement and coordination of all the moral and material forces of the country in order to loose a real storm of annihilation upon the guerrilla movement.
19. We continue our activities in the organization of the United Nations, but we must understand that nothing can be accomplished by this organization to help us, and we must rely only on ourselves to save our endangered country.

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